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Dario SANSONE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3619  
Application No.: 10/659,794 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: September 11, 2003 )  
For: VEHICLE WITH RETRACTABLE )  
AND STEERABLE REAR WHEEL )

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

Copies of the listed non-U.S. patent documents are attached, as is a copy of an English language version of a Search Report from the European Patent Office in a counterpart application, setting forth the relevance of these references.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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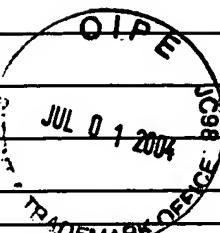
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	European Search Report for EP Application No. 99 117449, February 6, 2003.
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